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Newsletter #195:

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Hello! I hope everyone is still enjoying their summer while it lasts. We just finished a week of ANA activities in Rosemont, IL. The convention was a success for most collectors and dealers alike. More people were able to come in comparison with last year when covid was far worse. There were club meetings, special exhibits and even a visit from the new director of the U.S. Mint, Ventris Gibson. She is the first African American to head the mint, not to mention being female. Director Gibson had an illustrious naval career before leaving the Office of Veteran Affairs where she was the highest ranking woman veteran. I was able to meet and take a photo with Director Gibson which I really enjoyed.

I also announced my new partnership with Numismatica Ars Classica (NAC) of Zurich, London and Milan. We will jointly open NAC USA, LLC which will have its office at 8 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 3600. High above street level, our offices will provide a stunning view of Chicago not to mention a quiet environment for viewing and research. I will be happy to welcome you sometime in November after I set up. Here is a link to our website to get to know more about what we are offering:

https://www.arsclassicausa.com/

European Tour 2022

I will be embarking on a 5 week trip to the UK and the continent starting early September. Auction season starts in full bloom in September and I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to mix my vacation time with viewing several upcoming auctions. I am going to do my best to view most of the lots but several of the auctions are not entirely complete and some (like Roma) are well over 1,000 lots. Careful planning and early communication with me ensures that I can view the lots that you would like while there.

I would like to emphasize that while I am partnering with NAC to help broaden their reach in the U.S., I still remain committed to my own business of auction representation.

Below are some of the more important sales that are happening overseas in the next month or so.

Jean Elsen, an auction house out of Belgium, will hold their 152nd sale starting on the 9th of September. The sale has a rather large offering of Celtic coins (379) from the Ferdy Willems collection. Celtic coins offer stylistic renderings of sometimes well known types. Some have suggested that artists such as Picasso were inspired by these images. The vast majority of the coins are from the Celtic tribes from the area of Belgium but there are plenty other Celtic varieties offered. For those interested in Celtic coins it is a rare opportunity to get a sizable offering of Celtic types at mostly reasonable levels. The coins will typically open up at 80% of the estimate unless the lot is extremely popular pre-auction which drives the starting price up. The lots can be viewed on Numisbids at:

https://www.numisbids.com/n.php?p=sale&sid=5940&cid=184602&pg=4&so=1&search=&s=1

Paul-Francis Jacquier Auction 50 (16-17 September)

Jacquier has its 50th auction starting September 16 in the city of Kiel am Rhein in Germany close to the French border. Jacquier is very well known for his strong connection to book sales. In fact, this auction will feature another installment for the BCD Duplicates which I have always enjoyed. BCD typically will do a small write-up on each one of his books that undoubtedly help to sell them. Anyone committed to books like BCD is certainly well worth listening to recommendations as to why a book should be in your library.

As for the coins, there are reasonable estimates and many with illustrious pedigrees. Certainly one can find a few rare high value coins but most are nice but won't "break the bank". The first 568 coins are in a traditional auction format while the second half on the 17th is online only. I will try to attend this auction or at least view the lots prior to the auction. Please do get in touch if you would like representation.

The catalog can be viewed here:
https://d3lp9lrk02pi7n.cloudfront.net/media/pdfs/fe0e1f6f204abed0bdb4019925359a23.pdf

Roma Auction XXV (21-27 September)

Roma has another massive Fall auction with some rather outstanding coins. I will be viewing the sale in London this time around but unfortunately there won't be a live auction as I hoped there would be. While this makes the trip a little more exciting it is by no means a reason not to view if you can so I am still making the trip as there is also the Coinex show happening around the same time (Coinex starts on the 22nd so Roma and Coinex will overlap unfortunately).

This auction has some notable collections such as the GK Collection of Islamic Coins, The Oxus Collection, Part IV and The Vogelberg Collection of Roman Republican Silver. Additionally there is a selection of coins from the Andrew McCabe Collection, a large collection of Russian coins as well as an E-live auction on the 27th of September with offerings from the Italo Vecchi Collection.

The draw for me will be the first two days and this is where I will focus much of my viewing efforts. The paper catalog is enormous but I was sent additional copies for customers of mine so please do get in touch should you want one.

Exemplary quality, unique types and some coins with excellent pedigrees abound in this auction. There is too much to note. There are some large sections with multiples of high

coinage and this auction continues that tradition. There is also a substantial Bactrian section as well as Sassanian. This is all in addition to the several dedicated collections mentioned above. This will be a major auction for me in the coming weeks so please get in touch soon with your lists for viewing if you need representation.

Künker 376-378 (17-20 October)

While I won't be bidding live on the floor for this set of auctions I am planning to try to travel up to Osnabrück to view during my stay in Germany. The first catalog is a group of ancient coins from the Annemarie and Gerd Köhlmoos Collection. There are some fantastic types with impressive pedigrees throughout this first collection. The group is only 189 pieces but just browsing I noticed several interesting pieces. After this group are another two distinct collections, the Norddeutschen Antikenfreundes (the Northern Germany Friend of Antiques) and the Alexander der Grosse (Alexander the Great) Collection. Both have coins with good pedigrees and in decent quality.

Auction 377 is the fourth installment of the Salton Collection (previously Schlessinger). Many may remember that the Salton sales are a joint cooperation between Stacks Bowers from the U.S. and Künker of Germany. This sale will consist mainly of Roman coinage from their collection. Auction 378 is the electronic sale only of Salton coinage. Some of the Salton coins were retained from the early days carrying with them wonderful old pedigrees. Quality can vary but overall the collection is extremely interesting. There are a large number of reasonably priced Julius Caesar portrait denarii (I counted 11).

Vilmar Numismatics FPL III (Ongoing)

I just wanted to give a shout out to my friend Constantin Marinescu on his FPL III. He and his son Alex put out an excellent offering of pedigreed coins with photographs of the catalogs from which they came. The lists are in color and are meant to be preserved in a numismatic library. Vilmar Numismatics does an excellent job of tracking and highlighting pedigrees for which I am impressed. Here is a link to the Vilmar site where you can view the latest catalog. If you want a paper one I'm sure they would oblige!

https://vilmarnumismatics.com/

Swiss Auctions (October and November)

There will be upcoming auctions for Nomos, Leu Numismatik and NAC for which I have no catalog information as of yet. I will be spending a week in Zurich attempting to view what I can prior to those sales. I will let everyone know in an upcoming newsletter once those catalogs are ready.

Coin of the Week

THESSALY. Pharsalos. Signed by the engraver Telephantos. c. 424-405 BC. AR Drachm, 5.29g (18mm, 6h). Head of Athena r., wearing Attic helmet with raised cheek pieces; behind helmet, signature TH / Φ-A to l. And r. Above, Σ-P retrograde, to l. And r., below.

References: Lavva 80 (V41/R48). BCD Thessaly II, 638

Grade: Beautiful classical style. Lightly toned with some iridescence. Reverse has some minor marks and the face of the rider is not clear, otherwise, extremely attractive and signed by engraver. Mint State/EF

Price: $9,000

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Ancient Thessaly was abundant in fertile vast fields which made raising horses a natural fit. On that point, the Thessalians were extremely strong in cavalry as is suggested by the war-like Athena shown on the obverse of this coin. The reverse shows a warrior poised for battle. At the time when this coin was struck, Thessaly was starting to align itself with the Macedonians and were largely vassals of the empire.

This particular coin was signed by the master die cutter Telephantos. Coins with known associated artists are rare and provide further interesting and insightful information.

Pharsalos is remembered as the location where Caesar had his great victory over his rival Pompey the Great.

https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/thessaly-pharsalos-signed-by-the-engraver-telephantos-c-424-405-bc

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